<u>IN THE CLAIMS:</u>

Please cancel Claim 12, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and please amend Claims 1-11, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method to facilitate [[the]] transfer of data from a client database to a host database<u>,</u> comprising ~~the steps of;~~ <u>:</u>

identifying ~~at least one~~ <u>a</u> data field from [[said]] <u>the</u> client database desired for [[said]] <u>the</u> host database<u>;</u>

incorporating [[said]] <u>the</u> data field in a spreadsheet;

populating at least a portion of [[said]] <u>the</u> data field in [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet with ~~assumed~~ <u>test</u> data values<u>, wherein the test data values are formatted in accordance with format requirements of the data field</u>;

developing an algorithm configured to reformat data associated with [[said]] <u>the</u> data field from [[said]] <u>the</u> client database and desired for [[said]] <u>the</u> host database;

receiving a test file from [[said]] <u>the</u> client database;

creating a reformatted test file ~~with said~~ <u>from the</u> test file using [[said]] <u>the</u> algorithm;

comparing [[said]] <u>the</u> reformatted test file to [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet;

identifying ~~at least one~~ <u>a</u> change, wherein [[said]] <u>the</u> change would substantially conform [[said]] <u>the</u> reformatted test file to [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet;

creating an updated algorithm from [[said]] <u>the</u> algorithm ~~which incorporates said at least one~~ <u>, the updated algorithm incorporating the change</u>;

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receiving an input file from [[said]] the client database;

creating a reformatted input file by applying [[said]] the updated algorithm to [[said]] the input file; and[[,]]

uploading [[said]] the reformatted input file to [[said]] the host database.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the step of identifying a data ~~fields from said client database desired for said host database further comprises~~ field includes receiving and analyzing a client record layout to identify [[said]] a data [[fields]] field desired by a host.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2, wherein ~~said receiving a~~ the client record layout ~~further comprises receiving said client record layout~~ is received from a database clearinghouse.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3, wherein ~~said receiving a client record layout further comprises receiving said client record layout from a~~ the database clearinghouse further comprises receiving said client record layout from at least is one of a DST clearinghouse and a DAZL database clearinghouse.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said receiving a~~ the test file ~~from said client database further comprises receiving~~ is a 529 plan test file ~~from said client database~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of incorporating [[said]] the data fields in a spreadsheet further comprises field includes at least one of:

a substep of determining an order to organize [[said]] data fields into said in the spreadsheet;

a substep of determining data field headers from [[said]] the data fields and populating at least a portion of [[said]] the data field headers into said in the spreadsheet in [[said]] the order; and

a substep of determining parameters for [[said]] the data fields and formatting [[said]] the data fields using [[said]] the parameters.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 6, wherein [[said]] the substep of determining parameters for [[said]] the data fields and formatting [[said]] the data fields using [[said]] the parameters further comprises includes formatting [[said]] the data fields to include at least one of: an alphabetical character, a numeric character, [[or]] and an alpha-numeric character.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of populating at least a portion of said data fields in said spreadsheet with assumed data values further comprises, includes:

generating fictitious test data in accordance with [[said]] parameters of [[said]] the data fields field, wherein the test data simulates data of the client database,

populating at least a portion of said fictitious the test data into [[said]] the spreadsheet, and

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forwarding [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet to [[said]] <u>the</u> client database for feedback regarding [[the]] accuracy and [[the]] organization of [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method [[in]] <u>of</u> claim 1<u>,</u> wherein [[said]] <u>the step of</u> comparing ~~said reformatted test file to said spreadsheet further comprises,~~ <u>includes</u> <u>substeps of:</u>

comparing data fields from [[said]] <u>the</u> reformatted test file to data fields from [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet[[,]]<u>;</u>

comparing parameters from [[said]] data fields from [[said]] <u>the</u> reformatted test file to parameters from [[said]] <u>the</u> data fields from [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet[[,]]<u>;</u>

comparing data values from [[said]] <u>the</u> data fields from [[said]] <u>the</u> reformatted test file to data values from [[said]] <u>the</u> data fields from [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet[[,]]<u>; and</u>

identifying inconsistencies between [[said]] <u>the</u> data values from [[said]] <u>the</u> data fields from [[said]] <u>the</u> reformatted test file ~~to said~~ <u>and the</u> data values from [[said]] <u>the</u> data fields from [[said]] <u>the</u> spreadsheet.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9<u>,</u> wherein [[said]] <u>the substep of</u> identifying inconsistencies ~~between said data values from said data fields from said reformatted test file to said data values from said data fields from said spreadsheet further comprises at least one of~~ <u>includes</u>:

identifying [[said]] <u>the</u> inconsistencies by a visual comparison[[,]]<u>;</u> and[[,]]

identifying [[said]] <u>the</u> inconsistencies by an automated comparison.

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the step of receiving an input file ~~from said client database further comprises~~ includes copying at least a portion of [[said]] the input file to create at least a portion of a duplicate input file ~~to minimize the possibility of losing information from said input file~~.

Claim 12 (Canceled).